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News from State Auditor Ed Hatchett's Office

Hatchett Releases Audit of Garrard County Fiscal Court

(Frankfort) State Auditor Ed Hatchett has released his audit of the financial statements of the Garrard County Fiscal Court for the fiscal year ended June 30, 1998. As Auditor of Public Accounts, Hatchett is responsible for auditing the financial statements of Kentucky's county governments and state agencies. State law requires annual audits of county fiscal courts.

The audit contains the following comments:

- The fiscal court should require depository institutions to pledge sufficient securities to protect taxpayer funds from potential loss (the county's deposits were not adequately secured by \$48,884 as of May 4, 1998.)
- The fiscal court should comply with federal law 12 U.S.C.A. § 1823(e) and enter into a written agreement with their depository institution to further protect taxpayer deposits.
- The County Judge should have complied with KRS 68.275(2) and presented all claims to fiscal court for their review.
- The fiscal court should have complied with KRS 424.260 and obtained bids on all expenditures over \$10,000.
- The fiscal court should complied with federal grant compliance requirements and entered into a sub-recipient agreement with the Garrard County Health Department.

The report found that the county's financial statements, in all material aspects, fairly present the county's financial transactions.